

OPCAT visit and follow-up to the Kiskunhalas National Prison

17 May 2022

On 17 May 2022, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his staff members paid an announced visit to the Kiskunhalas National Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to examine the realization of the recommendations of the report on the National Preventive Mechanism's visit from April 2020, and to check the execution of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to remedy the harmful effects of the pandemic. The members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the detainees, the members of the staff and the management, and they also reviewed the relevant documentation. The visiting group inspected the cells, the visitors' room and other premises of the prison, and checked the ways in which the detainees could keep contact with the outside world while visits were prohibited, and inquired on the experiences related to the re-enabled visitor-reception.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. István Sárközy, Lawyer
- dr. Norbert Mézes, Lawyer

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.